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Applications seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005 may be sent along with the prescribed fee through e-IPO* (Electronic Indian Postal Order) OR in Seychelles Rupee, equivalent to Indian Rs. 10/- in cash/cheque or demand draft favouring High Commission of India, Victoria. The rate of exchange for particular month may be ascertained from the High Commission of India, Victoria.

Facility of e-IPO for payment of fee under the RTI Act, 2005

With a view to especially facilitate the NRIs, the Department of Personnel and Training and Department of Posts has launched a service called e-IPO (Electronic Indian Postal Order) for purchase of Indian Postal Order electronically thus paying fee on-line through e-Post Office Portal i.e. <http://www.epostoffice.gov.in> for seeking information under the act. It can also be accessed through India Post Website i.e. www.indiapost.gov.in. An e-IPO so generated must be used only once with an RTI application.

The User needs to get himself registered at the website. He has to select the Ministry/Department from whom he desires to seek the information under the RTI Act and the e-IPO so generated can be used to seek information from that Ministry/Department only. A printout of the e-IPO is required to be attached with the RTI application. If the RTI application is being filed electronically, e-IPO is required to be attached as an attachment. For more details please visit the website <http://www.epostoffice.gov.in>.

This facility only enables the payment of fee electronically. All the requirements for filing an RTI application as well as other provisions regarding eligibility, time limit, exemptions, etc. will continue to apply.

It may be noted that information provided under the Act is available to citizens of India only. OCI/PIO Card holders are foreign nationals, holding foreign passports and are, therefore, not eligible to seek information under the RTI Act 2005. Applications should be submitted along with documentary proof of Indian Citizenship (like copy of personal particulars pages of passport.) More information is available at <http://rti.gov.in>.

Contact details of officers for addressing applications under Right to Information Act, 2005:-

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It may be noted that as per section 6(1) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005, a person who desires to obtain information under the Act is required to submit the application to the Public Information Officer of the “concerned public authority”. Applicants are, therefore, advised to send their requests under the RTI Act to the High Commission of India only when the subject matter can reasonably be presumed to pertain to the High Commission of India. While section 6(3) provides for the transfer of an application by a receiving PIO to another [concerned] PIO, this is clearly meant to cover situations where the application is addressed to a PIO on the assumption that it has been directed to the concerned PIO. Where the information required obviously does not pertain to the High Commission of India, the application may be addressed to the concerned PIO directly.